

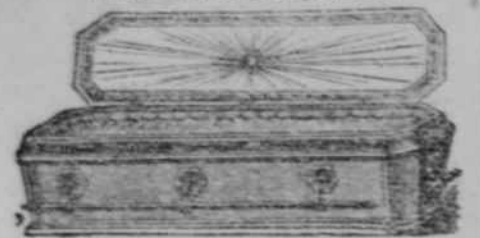
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**Dr. Talmage Speaks of Prosperity
of American People.**

**Divine Blessings Showered Upon Us
—He Draws Comparisons Be-
tween Our Own and
Other Countries.**

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Washington, Dec. 18.

Dr. Talmage preaches a discourse
of Christian patriotism and shows the
resources of our country and predicts
the time when all the world will have
the same blessings. His two texts are
Revelation xxi, 13: "On the south
three gates;" Psalm cxviii: "He
hath not dealt so with any nation."

Among the greatest needs of our
country is more gratitude to God for
the unparalleled prosperity bestowed
upon us. One of my texts calls us
to international comparison. What
nation on all the planet has of late
had such enlargement of commercial
opportunity as is now opening before
this nation? Cuba and Porto Rico
and the Philippine Islands brought
into close contact with us, and
through steamship subsidy and Ni-
caragua canal, which will surely be
afforded by congress, all the republics
of South America will be brought into
most active trade with the United
States. "On the south three gates."

While our next-door neighbors, the
southern republics and neighboring
colonies, imported from European
countries 3,000 miles away \$675,000,000
worth of goods in a year, only \$125-
000,000 worth went from the United
States—\$125,000,000 out of \$675,000-
000, only one-fifth of the trade ours.
European nations taking the four fig-
ures and leaving us the poor thumb.
Now all this is to be changed. There
is nothing but a comparative ferry
between the islands which have re-
cently come under our protection,
and only a ferry between us and Bo-
livia, Peru, Paraguay, Uruguay, Vene-
zuela, Salvador, Nicaragua, Colombia,
Costa Rica, Ecuador, Brazil, while
there are raging seas and long voy-
age between them and Europe. By
the mandate of the United States all
that will be changed through new fa-
cilities of transportation. The His-
pano-American congress just closed
at Madrid will fail in its attempt to
divert all the trade of South America
from us to Europe. What encourag-
ing symptoms that our trade with
Cuba and Porto Rico has been quad-
rupled! But that is only a prophecy.
"On the south three gates"—yes, a
hundred gates!

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cases.

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population.

Wanted.—Ministers to evangelize
our population.

Wanted.—Professors to establish
our universities.

"On the south three gates," yes, a
hundred gates. South America and all
the islands of the sea approximate
rightfully our commercial domain, and
the congress of the United States will
see to it that we get what belongs to
us.

And then tides of travel will be some-
what diverted from Europe to our is-
lands at the south and to the land of
the Aztecs. Much of the \$125,000,000
yearly expended by Americans in Eu-
rope will be expended in southern ex-
ploration, in looking at some of the
ruins of the 47 cities which Stephens
found only a little way apart and in
walking through the great doorways
and over the miracles of Mosaic and
along by the monumental glories of
another civilization, and ancient
America will with cold lips of stone
kiss the warm lips of modern America,
and to have seen the Andes and Popo-
catpetl will be deemed as important
as to have seen the Alpine and Balkan
ranges, and there will be fewer people
spelled by foreign travel, and in our
midst less of the poor and nauseating
imitation of the French shrug and the
intentional besifteny of a brainless
foreign swell. The fact is that many
are made vain by European travel, and
though sensible when they embarked,
they return with a collar and a cravat
and a shoe and a coat and a propen-
sity and a contempt for American
institutions and a bend of the elbow
that make one believe in evolution
backward from man to ape. Of the
many thousands who now cross the sea
annually thousands will, on pleasure
and business, visit southern lands, and
so tourists and merchants and scien-
tists and capitalists will all help in this
national development. "On the south
three gates." And what other nation
has such openings for commercial en-
largement as ours?

Again, in this international com-
parison notice the happy condition of
our country as compared with most
countries; Russia, under the shadow
of the dreadful illness of her great
and good emperor, who now, more than
any man in all the world, represents
peace on earth, good will to men, and whose
empire, near the most solemn hour
that ever comes to a nation, stands as
a

anxious for him to whom she has given
hand and heart, not for political reas-
ons, but through old-fashioned love
such as blesses our humbler dwellings;
India under the agonies of a famine
which, though somewhat lifted, has
filled hundreds of thousands of graves
and thrown millions into orphanage;
Austria only waiting for her genial
Francis Joseph to die so as to let Hun-
gary rise in rebellion and make the
palace of Vienna quake with insurrec-
tion; Spain in Carlist revolution and
pauperized; Italy under the horrors of
her king's assassination; China shud-
dering with a fear of dismemberment,
her capital in possession of foreign na-
tions. After a review of the condition
in other lands can you find a more ap-
propriate utterance in regard to our
country than the exclamation of the
text: "He hath not dealt so with any
nation?"

Compare the autumnal report of har-
vests in America this year and the har-
vests abroad. Last summer I crossed
the continent of Europe twice, and I
saw no such harvests as are spoken of
in this statement. Hear it, all you men
and women who want everybody to
have enough to eat and wear. I have to
tell you that the corn crop of our coun-
try this year is one of the four largest
crops on record—2,105,000,000 bushels!
The cotton crop, though smaller than
at some times, will on that account
bring bigger prices, and so cotton plant-
ers of the south are prosperous. The
wheatfields have provided bread enough
and to spare. The potato crop, one of
the five largest crops on record—211-
000,000 bushels! Twenty-two million
two hundred thousand swine slain,
and yet so many hogs left!

But now I give you the comparative
exports and imports, which tell the
story of national prosperity as noth-
ing else can. Excess of exports over
imports, \$344,400,000. Now let all pra-
mists hide themselves in the dens
and caves of the earth, while all grate-
ful souls fill the churches with doxolo-
gy. Notice also that while other
countries are at their wits' ends as to
their finances this nation has money to
lend. Germany, we are glad to see you
in Wall street. If you must borrow
money, we have it all ready. How
much will you have? Russia, we also
welcome you into our money markets.
Give us good collateral. Meanwhile,
Denmark, will you please accept our
offer of \$3,000,000 for the island of St.
Thomas? My hearers, there is no na-
tion on earth with such healthy condi-
tion of finances. We wickedly waste
an awful amount of money in this coun-
try, but some one has said it is easier
to manage a surplus than a deficit.

Besides this, we have in our country
plenty of room, while the trans-Atlan-
tic nations are crowded—crowded
cities, crowded governments, crowded
learned institutions; the population
crowded, packed in between the Pyre-
nees and the Alps, packed in between
the English channel and the Adriatic.
Yes, on our continent plenty of room.
Eight million square miles in North
America and all but one-seventh capa-
ble of rich cultivation, implying what
fertility and commerce! Four basins
pouring their waters into the Atlantic,
Pacific, Arctic and Gulf of Mexico!
When I hear a man expressing the fear
that this country is going to be crowd-
ed, I know right away he has not been
to Texas. France has about 39,000,000
of people, but Texas is larger than
France; Germany about 67,000,000 of
people, but Texas is larger than Ger-
many.

Again, there is no land on earth
where the political condition is so sat-
isfactory as in ours. Every two years
in the state and every four years in the
nation we clean house. After a vehe-
ment expression of the people at the
ballot box in the autumnal election
they all seem satisfied, and if they are
not satisfied, at any rate they smile.
An Englishman asked me in an English
rail train this question: "How do you
people stand it in America with a revo-
lution every four years? Would it not
be better, like us, to have a queen for a
lifetime and everything settled?"
But England changes government just
as certainly as we do. At some adverse
vote in parliament our goes one party
and in comes another. Administra-
tions change there, but not as advan-
tageously as with us, for there they
may change almost any day, while with
us a party in power continues in power
at least four years.

It is said that in our country we
have more dishonesty in the use of
public funds than in other lands. The
difference is that in our country al-
most every officer has a chance to
steal, while in other lands a few peo-
ple absorb so much that the others
have no chance at appropriation. The
reason they do not steal is because
they cannot get their hands on it. The
governments of Europe are so ex-
pensive that after the salaries of the
royal families are paid there is not
much left to misappropriate. The
emperor of Russia has a nice little
salary of \$5,210,000. The emperor of
Austria has a yearly salary of \$4,000-
000. Victoria, the queen, has a sal-
ary of \$2,200,000. The royal plate of
St. James palace is worth \$10,000,000.
There is a host of attendants, all on
salaries, some of them \$5,000 a year,
some \$6,000 a year. Comptroller of
the household, mistress of the robes,
captain of gold stick, lieutenant of
silver stick, clerk of the powder closet,
pages of the back stairs, master of
the horse, chief equerry, equeries in
ordinary, crown equerry, hereditary
grand falconer, vice chamberlain,
clerk of the kitchen, grooms in wait-
ing, lords in waiting, grooms of the
court chamber, sergeant-at-arms,
berge master and waterman, eight
bedchamber women, eight ladies of
the bedchamber and so on and so on.
All this is only a type of the fabulous
expense of foreign governments. All
this is paid out of the sweat and blood
of the people. Are the people satis-
fied? However much the Germans
like William, and Austria likes Fran-
cis Joseph, and England likes her
glorious queen, these stupendous gov-
ernmental expenses are built on a

groan of dissatisfaction as wide as
Europe. If it were left to the people
of England or Austria or Germany or
Russia whether these expensive estab-
lishments should be kept up, do you
doubt what the vote would be? Now,
is it not better that we be overtaxed
and the surplus be distributed all over
the land than to have it built up and
piled up inside of palaces?

Continuing this international com-
parison, I have to say to you that
we have a better climate than is to
be found in any other nation. We
do not suffer from anything like the
Scotch mists or the English fogs or
the Russian lee blasts or the typhus
of southern Europe or the Asiatic
cholera. Epidemics in America are
exceptional, very exceptional. Plenty
of wood and coal to make a roar-
ing fire midwinter, easy access to sea
beach or mountain top when the ar-
dors of summer come down, Michigan
wheat for the bread, Long Island corn
for the meal, Carolina rice for the
queen of puddings, Louisiana sugar
to sweeten our beverages, Georgia
cotton to keep us warm. In our land
all products and all climates. Are
your nerves weak? Go north. Is
your throat delicate? Go south. Do
you feel crowded and want more
room? Go west. I declare it: This
is the best country in all the world
to live in. How do I know it? I
have 650,000 new reasons for saying
it. Six hundred and fifty thousand
people in one year came from the
other side of the Atlantic to live in
America, and they came because it
is the very best country to live in.

While making this international
comparison let us look forward to the
time which will surely come when
all nations will have as great advan-
tages as our own. As surely as the
Bible is true the whole earth is to be
gardenized and set free.

Many years ago in this city I gazed
upon a scene which for calamity and
grandeur one seldom sees equaled. I
mean the burning of the Smithsonian
institution. It was the pride of our
country. In it art had gathered rarest
specimens from all lands and countries.
It was one of those buildings which
seize you with enchantment as you en-
ter, and all the rest of your life holds
you with a charm. I happened to see
the first glow of the fires which on
that cold day looked out from the win-
dows of the costly pile. I saw the angry
elements rear and rave. The shout of
affrighted workmen and the assault of
fire engines only seemed to madden the
rage of the monsters that rose up to
devour all that came within reach of
their chain. Up along the walls and
through the doors were pushed hands
that snatched down all they could
reach and hurled it into the abyss of
flame beneath. The windows of the
tower would light up for a minute with
a wild glare and then darken, as
though floods with streaming locks of
fire had come to gaze on in laughing
mockery at all human attempts and
then sunk again into their native dark-
ness. With crackle and roar and crash
the floors tumbled. The roofs began
here and there to blossom in wreaths
and vines of flame. Up and down the
pillars ran serpents of fire. Out from
the windows great arms and fingers of
flame were extended, as though de-
stroyed spirits were begging for deliv-
erance. The tower put on a coronet of
flame and staggered and fell, sparks
flying, the firemen escaping, the terror
accumulating. Books, maps, rare cor-
respondence, autographs of kings,
costly diagrams burned to cinder or
scattered for many a rood upon the
wild wind, to be picked up by the ex-
cited multitude. Oh, it seemed like
some great funeral pile in which the
wealth and glory of our land had leaped
to burn with its consuming treasures.
The heavens were blackened with
whirlwinds of smoke, through which
shot the long red shafts of calamity.
Destruction waved its fiery banner
from the remaining towers, and in the
thunder of falling beams and in the
roaring surge of billowing fire I heard
the spirits of ruin and desolation and
woe clapping their hands and shout-
ing: "Aha! aha!"

I turned and looked upon the white
dome of yonder capitol, which rose
through the frosty air as imposing as
though all the white marble of the
earth had come to resurrection and
stood before us, reminding one of the
great white throne of Heaven. There it
stood, unmoved by the terrors which
that day had been kindled before it.
No tremor in its majestic columns, no
frown on its magnificent sculpture, no
flush of excitement in its veins of mar-
ble. Column and capital and dome,
built to endure until the world itself
shatters in convulsions of the last
earthquake. Oh, what a contrast be-
tween the smoking ruin on the one
hand and that gorgeous dream of ar-
chitecture on the other! Well, the day
speeds on when the grandest achieve-
ment of man will be consumed and the
world will blaze. Down will go gal-
leries of art and thrones of royalty,
and the hurricane of God's power will
scatter even the ashes of consumed
greatness and glory. Not one tower
left, not one city unconsumed, not one
scene of grandeur to relieve the desola-
tion. Forests dismantled, seas licked
up, continents sunk, hemispheres an-
nihilated. Oh, the roar and thunder-
ing crash of that last conflagration! But
from that ruin of a blazing earth
we shall look up to see the temple of
liberty and justice rising through the
ages, white and pure and grand, un-
scarred and unshaken. Founded on the
eternal rock and swelling into domes
of infinitude and glory, in which the
hallelujahs of Heaven have their re-
verberation. No flame of human hate
shall blacken its walls. No thunder of
infernal wrath shall rock its founda-
tions. By the upheld torches of burn-
ing worlds we shall read it on column
and architrave and throne of eternal
dominion: "Heaven and earth shall
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